# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5
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Independent Bio Technology Regulatory Authority
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to review the BRAI Bill and to create an independent bio-technology authority to deal with the issue of all genetically modified organisms in agriculture, pharmaceuticals and bio-diversity sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Government to have a regulatory frame work in the matter?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES
(Y. S. Chowdary)

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